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"My humility is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together" - Desmond Tutu

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Please join us in the month of February, not only to continue our journey through the Gospel of Luke and our service to the community but to also stand firm with our Black siblings in Christ as we embark on this Black History Month! [Click the picture to view examples of Racial Restorative Justice in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas!](#)

Monthly Verse

1 John 3:16-18

"By this, we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers"



Message from the Missioner:

Hello everyone! My name is Chase Kennemer. I am the Missioner to the SHSU Episcopal Student Center. I have the pleasure of working with these students to lift their voices, hear their hearts, and help create an environment of love and compassion along with Christian education and formation. I want to take a time to explain what this is!

Since 1983 there has been precedent for a student newsletter titled "Bearkat Tales", coming out of another tradition of "Canterbury Tales". This newsletter is a monthly digital letter that details events, discussions, and some other neat things!

I hope that you continue on this journey with us and keep us in your prayers as we go through these semesters and embark on something new! Throughout you will find some neat information such as services we offer. We hope whomever reads this finds it to be enlightening and full of love. Please reach out if you need anything, including prayer requests!

Fun facts about the Missioner!
Chase likes to collect art and take photos to share with others! Here are a few that he has collected and some he's taken.

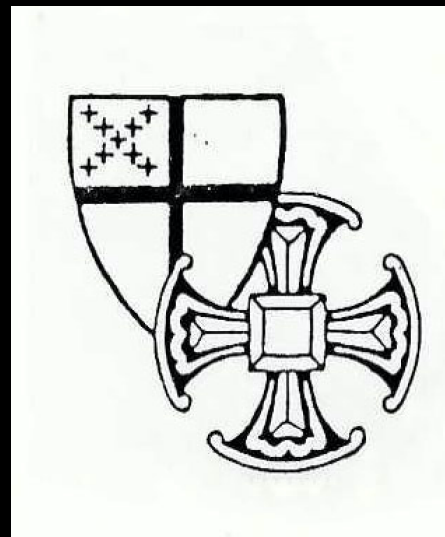
Divine
Mercy,
Gracie



St. Luke,
ESC Chapel



This Episcopal shield and
Canterbury Cross was a hand
drawn photo we scanned from a
previous Bearkat Tales newsletter!



Message from the Secretary:

Hey guys! My name is JaNay Redic, I am the secretary for the Sam Houston State University Episcopal Student center! This organization has given me the blessing and ability to not only have a home in faith but also to provide a safe space for students to feel they can be their most authentic selves. I can't wait to grow and learn with everyone!

A FEW FACTS ABOUT ME:

- I'm pursuing photography! Some of my work is below!
- I rock climb for fun
- I'm a film major and I own a business!
- My favorite color has been royal blue since I was in third grade!

My friend Ethan at the Houston zoo!



My friend Emma



The jelly fish habitat at the Houston Zoo



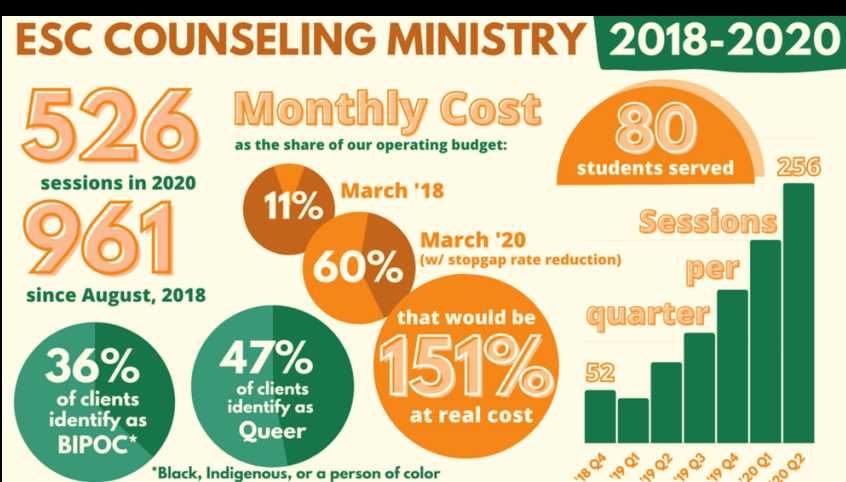
SHSU ESC Resources:

Community Fridge at SHSU



During the winter storm of February 2021 the ESC opened its doors to everyone for food, water, and warmth. We took that as a mission from God to go forth and tackle food insecurity on campus. This fridge donated through St. Stephens in Huntsville has helped feed an estimated 17 people per week. Please feel free to use this whenever you like, it is for all. We take donations of bread, peanut butter, and jelly. On top of this we will also accept donations of peanut butter crackers and ramen!

Free Mental Health Counseling!



The Episcopal Student Center offers this resource to all SHSU students. It is not a requirement to be a member of the ESC, it is for those who need it. The counseling service offers a diverse background of counselors, that are LGBTQ+ affirming. This is not religious counseling, however it is okay to be religious or spiritual and we encourage that conversation with your counselors.

Click the picture above for free/donations based counseling for all SHSU students!

Important Upcoming Events: February

Sunday: Holy Eucharist with Cindy Clark

Monday: Discussion on LGBTQ+ folks in the Bible in an affirming manner with our book study over *The Handbook* by Will Horn

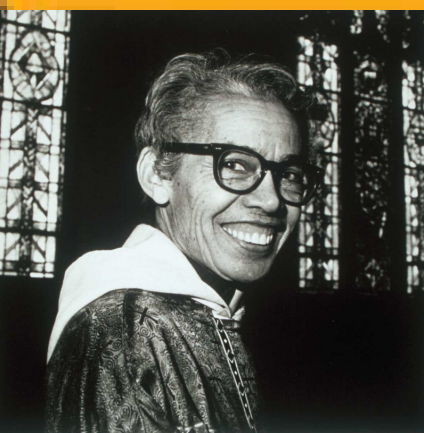
Wednesday: Bible Study with Mother Viktoria

Thursday: Dungeons and Dragons with SHSU D&D

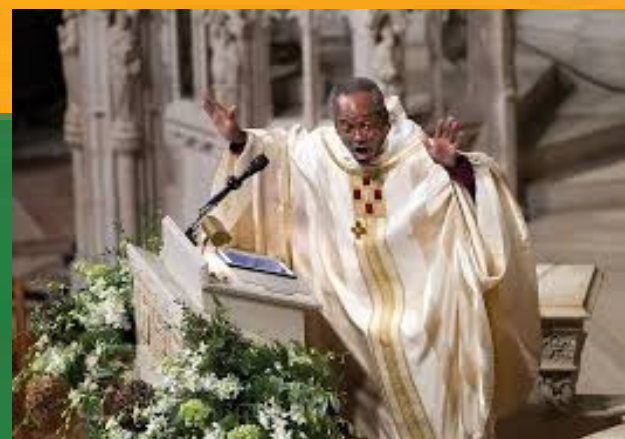
Black History Month

This month is Black History Month. A month where we take time to listen to our Black siblings in Christ. Let us affirm not just this month, but every month to fight the sin of racism and oppression. Striving respect the dignity of all people. Here are a few Black Episcopalians who paved the way for justice today.

St. Pauli Murray was a Civil Rights activist, lawyer, and Episcopal Priest. Click their photo to learn more!



Presiding Bishop Curry, preaching at the Washington National Cathedral. Click to read his bio!



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